

## **EXPLORING SOUTH AMERICA - CRUISE FROM BARBADOS TO BRAZIL**

From Barbados to Brazil, uncover the wonders of South America's Atlantic coast Experience the biodiversity of the Amazon Rainforest, encounter colonial history in cities like Georgetown and Paramaribo and marvel at the shifting sands of Lençois Maranhenses and the mouth of the mighty Amazon River. Discovering diverse cultures, exotic wildlife and natural splendours, this superlative journey travels the length of northern South America.



#### **ITINERARY**

DAY 0 PRE CRUISE

DAY 1 BRIDGETOWN

Bridgetown, the vibrant capital of Barbados, is a dynamic Caribbean city that merges historical charm with modern energy and a warm island welcome. Its UNESCO-listed historic district showcases colonial-era architecture, including the 1870s'-built Parliament Buildings. The bustling city offers colourful markets, duty-free shopping and Bajan restaurants. Bridgetown also has pristine beaches with crystal clear waters, such as Carlisle Bay.

DAY 2 PORT OF SPAIN





Port of Spain, Trinidad's capital, is famed for its carnival with a Caribbean vibe and the Royal Botanic Gardens featuring a world of plants. The Magnificent Seven mansions, dating back to 1900, showcase the city's architectural heritage. As the world's greenest destination, Trinidad's Caroni Wetlands comprise mangroves and winding rivers, while the Northern Range mountains harbour birds, reptiles and 620 butterfly types amid ancient rainforests.

types amid DAY 6 PARAMARIBO

DAY 3 DAY AT SEA

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**DAY 4-5 GEORGETOWN** 

At the heart of Paramaribo, Suriname's capital, is the UNESCO World Heritage historical centre blending Dutch architecture with local craftsmanship. Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral-Basilica is one of the Western Hemisphere's largest wooden structures. Notable sites include Fort Zeelandia, a 17th-century fortress, the Garden of Palms and broad streets. The central square is encircled by impressive buildings including the Presidential Palace (1730).

Georgetown, the 'Garden City of the Caribbean,' lies on the Atlantic Coast where the Demerara river meets the sea. Stabroek Market, St. George's Cathedral, the National Museum

and Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology all make up

Georgetown's rich culture. With a diverse population of European, Indian, African, Chinese and Amerindian descent, the

city thrives as a multicultural melting pot. Despite its location,

Guyana is an English-speaking nation.

DAY 7 ILES DU SALUT

The Iles du Salut (Salvation Islands) are a tiny archipelago off French Guiana's coast, with three main islands: Royale, St-Joseph and Diable - or Devil's Island, a penal colony. Serious offenders and political prisoners, such as Captain Alfred





Dreyfus, were held here and dead prisoners were fed to the sharks. The prison buildings are now overgrown, and the islands are now home to green-winged macaws, capuchin monkeys, iguanas and sea turtles.

DAY 8 DAY AT SEA

Today as you sail, you'll bask in the endless comforts of your ship. From the deck, marvel at the dramatic sea views. Relax with a nurturing facial treatment or massage in the spa or delve into the ship's learning resources. Or, simply take refuge in your cabin and enjoy the opportunity to rest.

DAY 9 MACAPA

The most remote of Brazil's 26 state capitals, Macapa, the capital of and the largest city in the Amapa State, sits on the north bank of the Amazon Delta. Founded by the Portuguese as an outpost, this city's foremost attraction is the Marco Zero monument, a 113-centimetre concrete sundial which symbolises the centre of the metropolis. Other sights include the Fortaleza de Sao Jose and the Museu Sacaca.

DAY 10 IQUIQUI, AMAZON RIVER & GURUPA, AMAZON RIVER

Iquiqui is a town along the Iquiqui River's unspoiled banks on a tributary of the Amazon in Brazil. Surrounded by rainforest, it provides access to traditional Caboclo communities living in harmony with nature, where visitors can learn ancient wisdom and observe their customs, beliefs and way of life in tune with the ecosystem. The area is home to diverse wildlife like aquatic birds, monkey squirrels and iguanas.

Gurupa is a fishing town on the Amazon River delta in Brazil. Located on Ilha Grande do Gurupa island, it lies near the Amazon's convergence with the Xingu River. Adapted to seasonal floods, Gurupa offers access to the biodiversity of the vast Amazon Basin and an ecosystem which includes varzea forest and savanna. The area provides habitat for endemic birds like the scaled spinetail, fish, monkeys and bats drawn to the varzea's fruiting trees.

DAY 11 CRUISING BREVES NARROWS

Navigating Brazil's Breves Narrows, upriver from Belem in the Thousand Islands region, is a mesmerising Amazonian journey. This natural passage, surrounded by towering walls of lush vegetation, creates a secluded green canyon in the heart of the jungle. Enigmatic wildlife such as scarlet macaws, and equatorial flora such as giant Victoria water lilies flourish. The welcoming locals, known as ribeirinhos, offer warm hospitality.





DAY 12 BELEM

Once one of South America's most prosperous cities, known as 'tropical Paris', today Belem remains a thriving port and is the gateway to the Amazon. The opulence of Belem's golden era is showcased at the neoclassical-style 1874 Theatro da Paz on the Praça de Republica. Pretty green spaces are shaded by mango trees and the historical centre has plenty of wonderful museums. The bustling Ver-o-Peso market is Latin America's largest open-air market.

DAY 13 DAY AT SEA

Days at sea are the perfect chance to relax, unwind and do whatever takes your fancy. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, trying to spot a whale from the deck, reading a chapter or two, or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to the green days spent exploring on land.

DAY 14 LENÇOIS MARANHENSES NATIONAL PARK

Lençois Maranhenses National Park is renowned for its stunning white sand dunes sculpted by the wind and filled with rain-fed,

crystal clear blue lagoons, like Lagoa Azul and Lagoa Bonita. Exploring this unique landscape is made possible through 4x4 safaris, hikes, sandboarding and kayaking. Beyond the dunes, the ecosystem includes mangroves and restinga, a forest type where rare wildlife like monkeys, foxes and vibrant birds thrive.

DAY 15 DAY AT SEA

Spend your day at sea enjoying your boutique 5-star ship. Treat yourself to a spa day, attend an expert-led onboard lecture or enjoy the ocean views from the deck or the comfort of our Observation Lounge.

DAY 16 FORTALEZA

Fortaleza is Brazil's fifth-largest city, located on the northeastern coastline in the state of Ceara. Its history includes a Dutch outpost in 1654, later retaken by the Portuguese and renamed Fortaleza (fortress). Among the highlights are the Praia do Futuro beach, forro, traditional music and dance at the ornate, Art Nouveau-styled Theatro Jose de Alencar, or shopping for hammocks and handmade lace and embroideries at the Central Market.

DAY 17 DAY AT SEA





Spend your day at sea enjoying the facilities available onboard. Head to the sauna, get in a workout in the state-of-the-art gym or relax in the hot tub while taking in incredible views along the way. If you prefer to learn a little more about your surroundings, listen to an informative talk or have a chat with one of our knowledgeable experts.

DAY 18 RECIFE

Brazil's fourth-largest city, Recife sprawls over islands at the mouth of the Beberibe and Capibaribe rivers, earning it the nickname the "Venice of Brazil." Recife Antigo, the colonial old town on its own island, has colourful architecture. North of Recife is the UNESCO World Heritage town of Olinda, an 18th-century Portuguese sugarcane hub, now an artists' colony with Baroque churches amid bright houses built on steep hillsides.

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DAY 20 SALVADOR DE BAHIA

With a rich Afro-Brazilian heritage, Salvador, the capital of Bahia, is a vibrant city where African and South American cultures blend. Salvador served as Brazil's first capital from 1549 to 1763, and its UNESCO-listed historic centre, Pelourinho, bursts with cobblestone streets and colourful colonial buildings. Jorge Amado, a beloved literary figure, is celebrated at his former home, now the museum A Casa do Rio Vermelho.

Please note:

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## YOUR SHIP: VEGA

YOUR SHIP:

**VESSEL TYPE:** 

LENGTH:

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:** 

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:** 

Launched in 2022, this state of the art ship has been designed to journey to off the beaten path destinations and remote polar regions in style and comfort. The ship incorporates a PC5 ice-strengthened hull combined with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as smooth as possible. Sophisticated Elegance. We know how important outdoor space is, so our relaxing public spaces provide wide open, unobstructed views throughout the ship. The destination will always be in view. Your Wellbeing. The safety & happiness of our guests is paramount to our 120-strong crew on board as well as our passionate expedition team who'll be serving up thrilling shore excursions and lasting memories. Cabin Types. Our 76 cabins including 6 suites have all the amenities you will need to feel comfortable including dressing gowns, hairdryers, personal safes and minibars. Our stylish cabins all have desks, a dressing area and comfy seating. En suite bathrooms all feature glass-enclosed rain showers. Wheelchair access Guests who use wheelchairs must bring their own, as we have only a small number of wheelchairs stored onboard for emergencies. To ensure ease of movement on the ship, wheelchairs and mobility aids must be no wider than 65cm. All mobility or medical

Vega

equipment brought on board must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before sailing. To ensure that all guests can safely evacuate during an emergency, guests requiring a wheelchair can only be accommodated in our ADA-accessible cabins. We offer an Oceanview stateroom on Vega which is specifically designed to be completely ADA compliant and have a fully operable wheelchair-access wet unit. Vega has two lifts, serving every passenger deck apart from the Stargazing top deck, which is, therefore, more difficult to access, as are the Aft Marina and Swan's Nest forward observation platform. Also, we don't have special equipment to access the swimming pool, jacuzzi, or sauna. Otherwise, the ship is entirely at your disposal. Many of the expeditions ashore in remote places are by Zodiac. Boarding these boats and returning aboard can present challenges for wheelchair users, as can navigating uneven terrain. These challenges are by no means always insurmountable, though, and our highly experienced crew is trained to provide reliable advice and assistance. They will make every effort to ensure wheelchair-using guests enjoy a memorable experience at each destination. Our general guidance, however, is to recommend wheelchair users travel with a companion for their ease and enjoyment. If you prefer to remain aboard, our panoramic interiors and ample open decks ensure an immersive, intimate experience of your inspiring

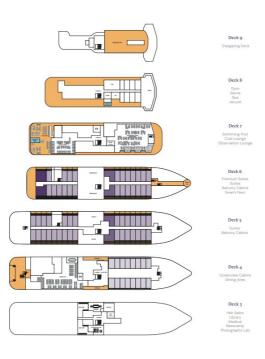




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# **INSIDE YOUR SHIP**







Balcony M5



Oceanview D4

Oceanview M4





Premium Suite

Suite







# **PRICING**

#### 11-0ct-2025 to 31-0ct-2025

Oceanview M4	£6824 GBP pp
Premium Suite	£13046 GBP pp
Balcony M5	£8915 GBP pp
Oceanview D4	£6517 GBP pp
Balcony D5	£8456 GBP pp
Suite	£11872 GBP pp